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Remarks

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention additional references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 page). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of these references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the listed references be made of record in the present application.

Claims 108-157 stand rejected over Hogan. Although applicants disagree with the Examiner's position, to advance prosecution of the present application, claims 108-157 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejections moot. However, applicants hereby reserve all rights to re-prosecute the cancelled claims in the future. In addition, applicants have added claims 158-183, which are drawn to different aspects of the invention and believed to be patentable over the cited art.

Accordingly, consideration of claims 158-183, as added, is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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Enclosure